National Law University

864. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a National Law University;

(b) if so, what are its objectives and other details; and

(c) where its centres would be located throughout India?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) A proposal to establish a National Law University in National Capital Region (NCR) with its three National Centres in the Northern, Western, Eastern regions of the country on the pattern of the National Law School at Bangalore, with an enabling provision to create more such Centres, is under consideration of the Government.

Pending Cases in High Courts and Supreme Court

865. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pendency of cases in the High Courts and Supreme Court is increasing;

(b) the details of pending cases;

(c) the details of cases registered, disposed off and pending during 1998, 1999, and 2000; and

(d) the steps being taken to dispose off all cases within two or three years?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) There is steep decline of pendency of cases in the Supreme Court of India over the years. The pendency of cases which was 1,04,936 as on 31.12.1991 has come down to 19,806 as on 31.10.98 and then slightly increased to 22,047 as on 28.2.2001.

The pendency of cases in High Courts has increased. The pendency of cases which was about 22 lakh in 1991 has increased to about 34.37